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For: Method of Analyzing Granular Composition By Acoustic Emission

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 20, 21, and 23-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers:

7. (Amended.) The method according to claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is in a purified form.

8. (Amended.) The method according to claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is selected from bio-catalysts, therapeutic agents, herbicides, pesticides and fungicides.

17. (Amended.) A process for preparing granules comprising a biologically active compound and optionally auxiliary granulation agents in a granulation apparatus said process comprising the step of performing acoustic emission analysis on the granules in accordance with claim 1 on the granules forming in the granulator.